

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/03/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-10, 12-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney of record Sylvia Chen on May 7, 2007.
3. Claim 11 has been cancelled.
4. **In claim 10, delete** "A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a communication device comprising the steps of: receiving a registration request message; extracting a selected public land mobile network identifier from the registration request message; and determining if the registration request message includes an indicator indicating whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed", and **insert** - - A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a communication device comprising the steps of: receiving a registration request message; extracting a selected public land mobile network identifier from the registration request message; and determining if the registration request message

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includes an indicator indicating whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed, and determining a substitute public land mobile network, if the indicator indicates that a substitute public land mobile network is allowed; and forwarding the registration request message to the substitute public land mobile network- - , thereto.

5. **In claim 23, delete** “A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a communication device comprising the steps of: receiving at least one public land mobile network identifier; selecting a public land mobile network identifier to form a selected public land mobile network identifier; setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed; forming a registration request message containing the selected public land mobile network identifier; including the indicator in the registration request message; and transmitting the registration request message”, and **insert** - - A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a communication device comprising the steps of: receiving at least one public land mobile network identifier; selecting a public land mobile network identifier to form a selected public land mobile network identifier; setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed; determining whether the selected public land mobile network identifier corresponds to a shared network; forming a registration request message containing the selected public land mobile network identifier; including the indicator in the registration request message; and transmitting the registration request message- - thereto.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. **Claims 1, 3-10, 12-24**, are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 10, 17, and 23 are allowed in view of Applicant's arguments on April 03, 2007.

Claims 1, 10, 17, and 23 are allowed because the closest prior art, Haverinen (US 2003/0119481), and Abrol (US 2003/0099219) fail to anticipate or render obvious as stated in the Applicant's Remarks For Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review on pages 1-5, in combination with all other limitations in the claims as defined by applicant.

Dependent claims 3-9, 12-16, 18-22, and 24 are allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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